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SUBJECT: SACEUR'S COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS REPORT 1972

REFERENCE: USNATO 3069

1. DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL PANSA HAS ISSUED PO/73/119 (QUOTED BELOW) INDICATING THAT SACEUR'S COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS REPORT (SHAPE 1101/14-4-1/S-265/73) AND THE MILITARY COMMITTEE'S COMMENTS (MCM-45-73) ON THE REPORT WILL BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF AN EARLY MEETING OF THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE: BEGIN TEXT:

"IN JUNE 1972 THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE NOTED (1) THE NEW POLICY FOR THE SUBMISSION OF COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS REPORTS BY SACEUR, AS SET OUT IN DOCUMENT MC 196. UNDER THIS POLICY SACEUR REPORTS EVERY TWO YEARS ON THE COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS OF THE FORCES ASSIGNED OR EARMARKED TO HIM.

"2. THE FIRST REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NEW PROCEDURE HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED ON 1ST JUNE, 1973 UNDER REFERENCE NUMBER SHAPE 1101/14-4-1/S-265/73 AND THE MILITARY COMMITTEE'S COMMENTS ON THIS REPORT HAVE JUST BEEN CIRCULATED UNDER MCM-45-73.

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"3. THE MILITARY COMMITTEE HAVE DRAWN PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE OVERALL ASSESSMENT IN PARAGRAPH 10 OF SACEUR'S COVERING LETTER, WHICH CONCLUDES THAT "THE FORCES ASSIGNED OR EARMARKED TO ACE ... ARE SUBSTANTIALLY BELOW THE LEVEL REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE

THE MISSIONS ASSIGNED. UNLESS FURTHER EMPHASIS IS PLACED ON QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF NECESSARY FUNDING, THE LIMITATIONS ON NATO CAPABILITIES, IN CONTRAST TO THE KNOWN WARSAW PACT TREND OF INCREASES AND IMPROVEMENTS, MUST RESULT IN FURTHER LOWERING OF THE NUCLEAR THRESHOLD AND LEAVE IN SERIOUS QUESTION THE CAPABILITY OF ACE FORCES TO DEFEND SUCCESSFULLY AGAINST MAJOR AGGRESSION."

"4. I PROPOSE TO PLACE THIS REPORT, TOGETHER WITH THE COMMENTS OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE ON THE AGENDA OF AN EARLY MEETING OF THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE.

(1) DPC/D(72)11, PARAGRAPH 14END TEXT

2. AS INDICATED IN USNATO 3069, WE SEE AN EARLY DISCUSSION OF SACEUR'S REPORT BY DPC PERMREPS AS A USEFUL MEANS OF KEEPING ATTENTION FOCUSED ON FORCE IMPROVEMENTS AND THE COMING FALL REVIEW OF 1974-78 FORCE PLANS WASHINGTON COMMENTS ARE INVITED. RUMSFELD

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